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Voters advised to check accuracy of voter registration ahead of March 20 primary

SPRINGFIELD, III. – With the March 20 Illinois primary election a week away, the Illinois State Board of Elections advises voters to use its <u>online registration portal</u> (https://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationLookup.aspx) to check the accuracy of their registration information.

This is especially important for voters whose voting address is different than the address that appears on their Illinois driver's license or state-issued ID card and who have renewed their license or ID since they last voted. The Illinois State Board of Elections has become aware of a few cases in which voting addresses were replaced with more recent driver's license addresses following renewals. These have mainly involved college students who registered to vote at their college address but maintained their hometown address on their driver's license.

A voter who discovers an incorrect voting address can correct it by contacting his or her local election authority. A link to the appropriate election authority is displayed on the website along with the voter's registration lookup results on the web page referenced above.

However, even if a discrepancy is discovered at the polling place on March 20, the voter will be able to vote by casting a provisional ballot. Upon correction of the address with the appropriate voting authorities, the provisional ballot is entered as an official vote.

While the deadline for voter registration for the March 20 primary has passed, those who have not registered but wish to vote still may do so. Local election authorities offer grace period registration at early voting sites through Election Day. A voter registering during the grace period will need to cast his or her ballot at the time of registration. To register before or on Election Day, registrants must bring two pieces of identification proving identity and place of residence. Early voting locations can be found on the woting.no.nd/ information section of the Board of Elections website

(http://www.elections.il.gov/votinginformation/earlyvotinglocations.aspx) or by contacting your local election authority (http://www.elections.il.gov/ElectionAuthorities/ElecAuthorityList.aspx).

Registration status can be checked on the registration lookup page of the <u>Board of Elections' website</u> (<u>https://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationLookup.aspx</u>).